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GETTYSBURG REUNION

SOLDIERS OF BOTH ARMIES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Survivors of Pickett's Virginia Brigade
and North Carolinians in
Pleasant Rivalry.

A dispatch to the Baltimore American
from Gettysburg, Pa., last night says:

In the fierce heat of this July day, tem-
pered somewhat by the cooling breezes
from the South mountain, many confederate
veterans of North Carolina held a re-
union at the Blood Angle this afternoon.
With the men who were once their foes,
but are their friends now. It was at this
spot in 1863 that the men of Webb's Philadel-
phia Brigade and the survivors of Pickett's
division first formed their bonds of
friendship over the famous stone wall, for the
mastery and possession of which so
many of their comrades yielded up their
lives.

Admiration for Valor.

Today the participants were other men,
members of Pettigrew's command and
their opponents of the first and third days,
who cemented their bonds of enduring
friendship. The dominant note in the ex-
ercises was admiration for the valor shown
by the contestants on this field and satis-
faction and acquiescence in the result.
Groups on the flanking hills held a re-
union with the fields of grain ripe for the
harvest between them and Seminary Ridge,
the familiar story of the determined as-
sault of the heaviest column was told by
the participants.

Col. John R. Lane of the 26th North
Carolina, and Sergt. Charles McConnell of
the 24th Michigan Regiment of the Iron
Brigade shook hands and rejoiced that the
bullet the latter fired in the first day's
fight failed to do its intended work.
The officers of the 24th Michigan of the part
this regiment had taken in the effort to drive
back the Iron Brigade, how it had gone
into the fight 836 strong, joined the
regiment of the 24th Michigan, 146 men, and
had come out of the battle with but eighty
men to answer roll call—the heaviest loss
on the confederate side—more than half
one of the heaviest losses in known wars.

North Carolina Society.

"First at Bethel, foremost at Gettysburg,
farthest at the front at Chickamauga, last
at Appomattox." With those sentiments on
the program, the North Carolina Society
of Baltimore came to the celebration with
no intention of allowing Pickett's men to
retain all the glory of the celebrated charges
on the Union center.

At the stand Dr. Edwin Geier, president
of the association presided. Prayer was
offered by Rev. J. W. Millard, and Charles
S. Duncan of Gettysburg made a happy
address of welcome. Mrs. Walter Grimes,
soprano in the first choir, claimed to re-
present "Old North State," the words of which
were written by Judge Gaston, a famous
jurist of the state.

Major William M. Robbins, a North Caro-
lina soldier who served in the 4th
Alabama Regiment, and is now one of the
United States battlefield commissioners,
was the first speaker. His former employ-
ment was in the Confederate army. He said
that the war was not the fault of one section, but of all. He
said:

Southerner Explains.

"The Yankee ships brought the darkies to us,
and after they sold them they began to
grumble that we had them. Had the north
been quiet, had no petitions and resolutions
been presented to Congress, we would have
inaugurated a system by which slavery
would have been abolished gradually. Since they
wished to go to the success and progress
of the northern states, which he attributed
to free, intelligent labor, and he declared
as long as we continued to employ slave
labor, we could not expect to have more
factories and would make little progress,
being restricted to the most primitive occu-
pation—tillage of the soil.

The speakers who made on the sys-
tem in the north and were abused by our
northern brethren, we began to make
apologies, defenses and excuses until we
began to believe that we were wrong. I
concluded we would be happier if we
went to ourselves; with tears in our eyes
we voted to divide. We called it a volun-
tary union of sovereign states. Since they
called it a rebellion, I have no objection,
for it is the greatest and grandest
nation in the world. We fought for
state rights and they to preserve the Union.
If I can't see where people half right. We
owe a thousand blessings for one country
under one flag."

Col. John R. Lane followed with his ora-
tion, and at its close Sergeant McConnell,
president of the Iron Brigade Association,
who came from Chicago especially for this
meeting, was called upon. He spoke of the
indignities to which the men of the 26th North
Carolina Regiment.

Modern Athletic Training.

From the Medical Press.

The trainer of a generation ago would
simply have stood agape at the sweets and
other savory foodstuffs eaten by your
modern rowing or running collegian. Yet it
may be doubted if the physique either of
the individual athlete or of the nation ever
stood at a higher general standard of "fit-
ness." One period of the man in the
training is that both past tradition and
present practice condemn with emphatic
voice the use of tobacco and alcohol and
other injurious habits. The modern athlete
is a wonderful animal that he is—is unhap-
pyly prone. So long as the main principles of
temperance, plain living and abundant ex-
ercise are persistently applied to the man in
the training, the results will be likely
to succeed. Every human being living un-
der reasonably good conditions of environ-
ment ought to be, like the healthy scuba-
diver, a creature of iron.